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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action having a mailing date of June 19, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

7. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the dielectric layer comprises a first dielectric layer, the method further comprising introducing a second dielectric layer between the first dielectric layer and an etch stop layer.

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